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OUR PRESENT OFFICIALS; HAVE THEY KEPT THE FAITH?

We have before us a circular dated April 29, 1909, signed by Mr. R. H. Staton, J. D. Davis, J. W. McIntyre and J. H. Hines. At this time these gentlemen were candidates for mayor and commissioners respectively. This circular bears the caption "AN APPEAL TO REASON."

It begins thus, "As there seems to be a desire on the part of the people of our town to know the position of our Board, provided that we are elected to the offices for which we have been nominated, in regard to salaries and taxes, we desire to state that we shall reduce the salaries of all the officers of the town to conform to the old method of salaries and fees, and if possible reduce the rate of taxation conversant with good government and progressiveness."

FIRST: AS TO SALARIES—The election came off. The republican candidates, except Mr. Hines, were elected, this left the democrats, who were committed on a salary basis, in a majority, hence His Honor, Mayor Staton, received the same salary the first year as his predecessor in office, to-wit: \$50.00 per month, and we have never heard that it was a very hard proposition to get him to each month receive this amount. Then a year later (June 1910) three Republicans took the place of the three democrats placing the republicans in absolute control. Now did this republican board, (except Mr. Rhodes, a democrat) reduce the salaries of all the officers of the town to conform to the old method of salary and fees? If we are properly informed, Mr. Staton, the present mayor is now, and has been since the last election (in June 1910) been receiving a salary of \$40.00. This is a salary. The very thing that the mayor, and his associates on the ticket, condemned in their campaign. There is certainly no return to the "old method of salary and fees." Under the "old method of salary and fees" the mayor received a salary of \$15.00 per month and the fees (that is, the costs) paid into his coat. If Mr. Staton is now on the "old salary and fee" basis, he is receiving a salary of \$40.00 per month and the fees of his office, which would make his remuneration far (more than 33 1-3 per cent more) than any of his predecessors in office; and yet the cry of his campaign was reduction in pay of officers.

We do not know whether Mr. Staton as mayor receives the fees (court costs) of the city court or not. As to this point we would like to be informed. We have inquired and can find no record of the costs of his court being paid into the Board of Education or no record of the costs being paid into the town treasury, or into the mayor's pocket? We can find no record. If Mr. Staton retains the costs, then the promises in "An Appeal to Reason" to return to the old method has been kept, but with an increase of from \$15.00 to \$40.00 (more than 100 per cent) over the "old method" that these gentlemen were inclined to eulogize. If the costs are not retained by the mayor, then the promise to return to the old method; which was \$15.00 per month and fees, has not been kept.

We would like to be informed by these gentlemen who in April 1909, so vigorously championed the "old method of salaries and fees," (which as aforesaid was \$15.00 per month and fees), if "they have kept the faith?" In this same "Appeal to Reason" they criticize the sworn statement rendered by the former mayor as to costs. Where are the sworn statements of the present incumbent as to costs?

These same gentlemen in this same "An Appeal to Reason" further say that they are in favor of, and will "if possible reduce the rate of taxation." In their campaign they talked and wrote reduction of taxes. They have been in absolute power for a year and have failed to reduce the rate of taxation one fraction of a penny, and yet they became hoarse two years ago, and again one year ago, condemning their predecessors in office for not reducing the rate of taxation. And in addition to all this they have applied and received from the legislature, by a bill introduced by Judge Ewart, authority for the Board of Commissioners (not the people by a vote) to issue special bonds to take up the floating indebtedness of the town and have already sold and agreed to deliver \$12,000 in bonds for this purpose, and the bonds are now being printed for delivery. Not only have our taxes not been reduced, but we are asked to sit quietly by and allow these gentlemen the Board, not the people, to issue bonds to pay the indebtedness. And we are asked to thus sit still and quiet by the gentlemen who preached economy and promised reduction in taxes. According to the report of E. H. Davis, an auditor employed by the present Republican board, the floating indebtedness of the town on the 2nd day of June, 1910, was \$8,312.01, yet the board has contracted to sell bonds to an amount of \$12,000.00 to take up floating indebtedness. Why this extra \$3,687.99? Does the present board think under the economical (?) administration calculate that floating indebtedness has increased this amount in less than one year. Have they kept the faith?

RETURNS FROM MAYORS' COURTS—A COMPARISON.

We would like to call attention to the difference in the amount turned into the County Board of Education by the present incumbent and the preceding mayor. And we may remark here, in passing, that the Constitution provides that all fines and forfeitures go to the school fund, and that report be made by all judicial officers of the county every six months, showing the fines and forfeitures collected by them. For the first six months Mr. Staton reports \$45.38, while his predecessor reported for the first six months \$324.06, a difference of \$288.68, or more than 500 per cent; for the second six months Mr. Staton reports \$40.10, while his predecessor the second six months of his court reports \$120.54, a difference of \$80.44, or more than 100 per cent, and for the third six months Mr. Staton reports \$72.15, while his predecessor for the third six months reports \$231.89, a difference of \$159.74, or more than 300 per cent. The last six months of Mr. Staton's administration has not been reported as it is not due until June 1, 1911, and hence we cannot compare this with the 4th semi-annual report of his predecessor. The total difference in the reports of the two (Mr. Staton and Mr. Schenck) is \$517.00. In other words for the same length of time (18 months) Mr. Staton's predecessor paid into the Board of Education for the children of the county more than four times as much money as has Mr. Staton. We know of no way to explain this great discrepancy except to attribute it to Mr. Staton's fondness for imposing a fine of "a PENNY and the costs," he "penny" to go to the school fund and the costs unaccounted for unless returned by the economical (?) officers under the old method of salary (\$40.00 and not \$15.00 per month) and fees, in the 125 cases tried by Mr. Staton the first 18 months of his service as mayor, according to his reports filed with the Board of Education, he imposed the exorbitant fine of "one penny" in 56 of them, in other words only one cent was imposed in very near every other case. ONE PENNY! Is this calculated to either break up lawlessness or enrich the school fund? Mr. "Economical Man"? Yet these are the figures and this is the record of the man who preached economy and condemned others as extravagant. Have our present board been the economical, money saving board, that their campaigns of 1909 and 1910 promised. "Have they kept the faith?"

Flat Rock News.
Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Howe and Mr. C. P. Rogers are attending the Festival and Horse Show at Spartanburg this week.

Mr. C. K. Morgan, the Misses Patton and Miss Elizabeth Baker, accompanied by Mrs. John Patton attended the commencement exercises at Fruitland, Monday night.

Mrs. J. F. Freeze and children have returned from a visit to her parents at Fletcher. Her sister, Miss Daisy Williams, accompanied her home to

spend a few weeks.

Patterson and Jackson are opening a beef market at E. Flat Rock. This firm ran a successful market last summer and pleased our people by giving them nice meats at home. We bespeak for them the same success this year.

Salisbury is to take another step ahead of any other city in the State in that she is soon to have a barber shop in which only female tonsorial artists will be employed.

LOCAL MENTION.

Miss Ora Capps was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis. She is recovering rapidly, we are glad to learn.

The National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations will hold their general conference in Asheville June 9 to 19th.

A car load of automobiles arrived here last Saturday to be used this summer in running an automobile line between here and Kanuga Lake.

Mr. John Forest of this city was married to Miss Chessie McClung of West Virginia, on last Thursday, April 20th, at the First Baptist church in Spartanburg, S. C.

The Hendersonville High School ball team have played seven games this season and have lost but one. This is a fine record as the boys have played some strong out of town teams.

Rome Wallace, a negro who was captured by Deputy Sheriff Stroup, has confessed that he is the person who cut Pug Williams about last October 1st, inflicting a very serious wound. Wallace was placed in jail where he will await his trial.

The dance given by the young men of the city at Hotel Gates last Tuesday night was one of the most pleasant social affairs attended in some time. There were about fifteen couples present. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Asheville.

Mr. Geo. Stephens, president of Kanuga Lake club, was in town the past week. He was here to look after improvements out at the lake and to make preliminary arrangements for the coming State Bankers' association meeting to be held the early part of June.

There will be a meeting of the Commercial club tonight at 8 o'clock. It is urged that a full attendance be made as business of importance is to be transacted, among other things the selection or appointment of a delegation to go to Knoxville, Tenn., to attend a meeting of the Knoxville & Greenville railroad promoters.

C. M. Dalton, of Edneyville was in town last week. Mr. Dalton is one of Henderson county's progressive citizens. He is proprietor of a large hotel at Slack Rock and a store in connection. Lately he has put up miles of independent telephone wires and has a number of phones in his neighborhood subscribed. Mr. Dalton is looking for a large crowd of summer visitors at his hotel this season.

Rev. J. P. Rogers preached two interesting sermons at the Methodist church last Sunday. Mr. Rogers is here in the interest of the Methodist orphanage at Winston-Salem, and is soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings to care for the orphans of the Methodist North Carolina conference. Mr. Rogers has up to the time of going to press, secured almost one thousand dollars for this noble purpose.

The Grand Hendersonville's new electric theatre is receiving a very large patronage. The management expects to continue during the summer months on the same high plain and every one can expect a high class picture show at this theatre. A change of program every day is now being made which allows many of the pleasure seekers to visit every night one of the town's many attractions.

The game of base ball played last Saturday afternoon on the Academy grounds between Hendersonville and Fruitland resulted in a score of 11 to 4 in favor of Hendersonville. The batteries for Hendersonville were Allen and Hoots; for Fruitland, Garren and Hutchinson. On Monday the same teams played another game on the Fruitland grounds which resulted in favor of the Hendersonville boys again by a score of 7 to 6. Batteries for the home team were Allen and Hoots; for Fruitland Hutchinson and Pittillo. The town school boys will play Mills River Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt and party were in the city last Tuesday en route to Highland Lake club. Mr. Vanderbilt had heard so much of Hendersonville's fashionable club that he decided to come over from Asheville and see the attraction out at the club. In a conversation Mr. Vanderbilt expresses his surprise at such a beautiful place and said that the prospectus sent out by the company did not bring the property out in its real beauty. The party went over the entire estate and through the magnificent club-house which is rapidly nearing completion.

An attorney of this town made an interesting discovery a few days ago while looking up a deed for Mr. R. W. Pace, of Saluda. Mr. Pace was born in Buncombe county reared to early manhood in Henderson county, now lives, an old man, in Henderson county, was born in Buncombe county. Buncombe's first once completed all three counties Henderson first being carved from its boundaries and later Polk being partly made up of a section of Henderson. Just so they do not get Mr. Pace clean over into South Carolina in the same house it is all right.

FISHING SEASON OPEN.

The fishing season has opened in full swing in and around Hendersonville, parties go out every week and return with large strings of mountain trout. There are several fine places near here where fish can be found in abundance. The members of the various clubs are experiencing some fine sport in catching large quantities of mountain fish.

Nearly every stream in the county around here has been stocked from the government fisheries in the past years and there is hardly a place that some variety of fish can not be caught.

Most of the fishing grounds are posted and the proper authorities have to be seen before a person can get permission to fish there. A sportsman with the proper recommendations will not find it very hard to get permission to fish in any of the streams close by.

With the new law in this county, although the warden has not been reported, there are a few special restrictions that are different from those in adjoining counties. Some parties and clubs owning lands along streams have restrictions as to the number of fish caught in one day. However the sport is popular in this section and a great many of the citizens and visitors are taking advantage of the warm days for fishing.

Tom Pittillo Arrested on the Charge of Arson.

Because the owner of what is known as the Middleton & Fish-grist mill situated near Fruitland, refused to sell his mill, it is alleged that Tom Pittillo of the same vicinity set fire and burned it to the ground last Friday night.

On account of the suspicious actions of Pittillo after the fire he was arrested on the charge of arson and was brought to town and placed, under a \$400 bond by Magistrate Dermid until the 8th of May when he will have a hearing.

It is alleged that Pittillo upon hearing that Deputy Sheriff Stroup was coming with blood hounds, sprinkled black pepper in his tracks to kill the scent of his feet. At any rate a quantity of pepper was found buried in the ground near the scene of the fire.

Black pepper for offensive smelling feet is a new one on us, but perhaps this information may prove a blessing to those who are too lazy to make a liberal use of soap and water.

Put Henderson in Lead.

The following letter has been received from Raleigh which will be instrumental in getting more boys from this county interested in the Corn club contest.

Dear Sir:—Many of the boys of your county have joined the Corn Contest conducted by Mr. I. O. Schaub and have neglected to send in their application for membership to the State Corn Club contest.

These two contests are entirely separate. But the rules of each are such that the boys can belong to both and compete for the prizes offered, with the same acre of corn, provided they have filled out and returned to each office their application for membership. And unless a boy has filled out, signed and returned to Mr. T. B. Parker one of these application blanks he can not compete for the prizes offered by the State Department of Agriculture. These application blanks, together with a leaflet of rules, governing the contest can be obtained by writing to Mr. T. B. Parker, Raleigh, N. C. or from your county Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I hope that you will urge every boy, who has not yet done so, to procure one of these blanks, fill it out and return to Mr. Parker. By doing this the boy will be competing for five more prizes with the same acre of corn, and thereby greatly increase his chance of winning a prize. I would be glad for you to give this matter a little space in the next two issues of your paper and urge the boys to give it their prompt attention. By doing this you will greatly aid the Department of Agriculture in getting them in touch with the boys of your county a great kindness by calling their attention to this matter. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

Yours very truly
JAMES M. GRAY,
Assistant Director.

Union Laymen Missionary Meeting.

On next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, April 30th, the Union Laymen's Missionary meeting will be held in the East Hendersonville Baptist church. The movement will be discussed under the following heads:

First—Its Origin, Its Purpose and the Great Need by C. S. Fullbright.
Second—The Results thus far, the prospects for the future by F. V. Hunter. After which the meeting will be thrown open for the discussion of this great work by the representatives of the different churches present.

An urgent invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all by the committee.

The home of W. C. Moore was totally destroyed last Tuesday night by a fire. Damages amounting to about \$2,000 were made with only a few hundred dollars in insurance.

HENDERSONVILLE IS MADE ALL YEAR ROUND RESORT

HENDERSON COUNTY LEGISLATION.

Brief Synopsis of Bills Findly Enacted Into Law by The Recent General Assembly.

The "captions of acts and resolutions of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed at the session of 1911 with a synopsis of their contents" has just been issued from the presses of E. M. Uzzell & Co., State Printers. In the publication Hendersonville and Henderson county matters are referred to in the following manner:

Hendersonville.
H. B. 248, S. B. 220—An act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hendersonville to issue bonds and levy a tax to pay the floating indebtedness of said town.

Issue not to exceed \$12,000; interest 6 per cent.

H. B. 391, S. B. 404—An act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hendersonville to sell and make title to certain property in that town.

Property known as Town Hall property. Proceeds appropriated to aid in erection and equipment of graded school building.

H. B. 414, S. B. 570—An act to provide for the maintenance of the grader schools of the town of Hendersonville, and to authorize the commissioners of said town to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting a new school building, and for other purposes.

Town constituted a graded-school district and incorporated as such. School tax not to exceed 20 cents on property and 60 cents on polls. Question of issuing \$15,000 bonds for building to be voted on. Bonds if issued, to be paid \$1,000 each year.

Henderson County.
H. B. 396, S. B. 403—An act to require the register of deeds of the county of Henderson to pay all fees collected into the general county fund. This covers act.

H. B. 722, S. B. 1792—An act to amend section 1, chapter 508, Public Laws of 1907, in relation to the depredations of domestic fowls. Law extended to Henderson County.

H. B. 1436, S. B. 1476—An act to protect fur-bearing animals during the breeding season in the county of Henderson.

Trapping or killing fur-bearing animals, except wildcats, during breeding season forbidden. Game warden to prosecute.

H. B. 65, S. B. 142—An act authorizing the boards of commissioners for the counties of Henderson and Transylvania to employ an engineer to examine and report upon the probable cost of removing the Buck Shoals in the French Broad River.

Joint or separate action authorized.

H. B. 751, S. B. 923—An act to protect sheep and other stock from dogs in the county of Henderson.

Males and spayed females, \$1 each; open females, \$1.50. Proceeds to be used in paying damages for stock injured by dogs and in paying bounty of \$1 for each wildcat killed in county.

H. B. 1183, S. B. 1588—An act to prevent forest fires in the county of Henderson.

Negligently or willfully setting out fire in woods a misdemeanor. Game warden to prosecute person furnishing information and proof to be paid \$25.

Person convicted to be taxed \$15 to use of warden.

H. B. 174, S. B. 175—An act authorizing the commissioners of the county of Henderson to provide for the construction of an iron bridge across the French Broad River near Fanning's in said county, and a bridge near where McClain's bridge stands.

Action by county commissioners made mandatory.

H. B. 563, S. B. 536—An act to protect the game and fish of the county of Henderson.

Open season for quail, January and February. Possession of dead quail prima facie evidence. Setters and pointers not to run at large in open season. Destruction of eggs forbidden. Shooting, dynamiting, and netting California trout forbidden. Taking or removing trout forbidden. Game warden to be appointed. Open season for trout October to March. License tax for nonresidents, \$5 per year.

Use B. P. S. Paints.
That B. P. S. paints is the easiest to work and that it can cover more surface to the same quantity of any other well known brand sold in this city was thoroughly demonstrated several days ago by the local painters.

Two buckets, each holding the same amount of paint were used by a disinterested painter of this city and to the satisfaction of the spectators present B. P. S. paints were found to be far superior, covering 22 1-2 percent more space of surface. The demonstration was held at the lumber yard of J. R. Willson.

Southern Railway Will Advertise

All Over United States to this Effect—Large Results Expected—Preparing for Summer Rush—Facilities Enough for a Larger Crowd Than Ever Before.

Hendersonville will be advertised over the entire country as an all-the-year round resort city. General Traffic manager, S. H. Hardwick in a recent telegram to Mayor R. H. Staton.

The meeting of the citizens several weeks ago when the members of the passenger department of the Southern Railway were in the city with Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick, it was mentioned that this city was not being advertised fully by the railroad company as a winter resort. This is to be corrected by the officials and from now on in every town of the United States where there is distributed Southern Railway literature Hendersonville will appear, and tickets can be bought direct here as a winter resort, as well as a summer resort.

The following is the telegram received from S. H. Hardwick:

"Referring to the meeting in Hendersonville on the 11th inst., glad to inform you that in addition to having Hendersonville made a tourist point, we have now succeeded in having it made also winter tourist point and to be included in the all year tourist tariff. We will proceed promptly to tender this as basing rate to all connecting lines and am confident this will be accepted and Hendersonville will thus be taken care of with the wishes expressed at the meeting."

The news was received with great delight to the many people of this city who have in years past tried hard in making Hendersonville an all-the-year round resort town. Every year the tourist trade here has increased. Many new people visit the town for several months each winter. With the aid of the railway company the town should receive a great deal larger per cent of visitors next winter than ever before. Several of the town's largest hotels will more than likely be kept open the year round.

The summer business is growing enormously large. In some instances the town's facilities have been taxed in holding the rush of summer visitors comfortably. This summer extra preparations have been made to take care of the crowds and at no time during the season is it thought that the town will be unable to accommodate all those who wish to sojourn in this beautiful mountain city.

Every hotel in the city is having improvements made, preparatory to the opening. The various club houses are undergoing repairs and improvements so that when the busy part of the season begins there will be no cause for complaint from the visitors that they cannot get reasonable and desirable locations while in the city of Hendersonville.

The Young Men's Christian Club of Hendersonville will open its new quarters with a special meeting on Monday, May 1st 8:15 P. M. at which the Board of Governors is invited to be present.

The rooms of the club are situated over J. O. Williams store and will be in readiness for the meeting. A subscription list is being circulated among the citizens, calling for donations, either financial or for such article as the club is in need of.

This plan is identical with the Y. M. C. A. methods all over the country and should meet with the hearty support of our people.

PEAK STILL STANDING.

Report That Caesar's Head Had Topped Over Denied.

Greenville, April 25.—That the statement conveyed in a dispatch last night that the mountain peak known as Caesar's Head had been overturned by an earthquake shock last Friday night, is erroneous, is the belief of citizens of the place who have been in the neighborhood of the famous resort in the past few days. Parties who returned to Greenville today after spending Saturday and Sunday within a very short distance of the head, report that nothing out of the ordinary has occurred.

It is believed here that the overturning of some other rock in that section of the Blue Ridge was the occasion of the report. Caesar's Head is in South Carolina, about 26 miles from Greenville.

This in answer to reports sent out from Asheville of the results that the recent earthquake felt in Hendersonville. The jars were distinctly felt here by many.

Gasoline Engines for Automobiles, motor boats and other purposes overhauled and made to run like new. Kramer's Machine Shop.